

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a front side facing a player playing a game on the gaming machine;

a game display at an upper part of the front side of the cabinet for displaying an image during playing of a game on the gaming machine;

~~a projection protruding outwardly from only part of the front side of the cabinet and located below the game display;~~

~~an opening in a lower part of the front side of the cabinet and located below the projection so that the projection is between the game display and the opening;~~

a projection protruding outwardly from the front side, and from both of the upper and lower parts of the front side, of the cabinet, and located between the upper and lower parts of the front side of the cabinet;

a transparent plate covering the opening, wherein the opening is located below the projection, so that the projection is between the game display and the opening, and so that a player, while playing a game on the gaming machine, has difficulty seeing the opening;

a plurality of counter displays, each counter display including a respective display section for displaying a numerical value that changes each time a game is played on the gaming machine;

a container disposed within the cabinet, having an open end opposite the transparent plate, and accommodating the plurality of counter displays so that the display sections are opposite and visible through the transparent plate; and

a rear lid applying pressure to and ~~supporting~~ urging the plurality of counter displays ~~behind~~ toward the front side of the cabinet and ~~opposite~~ the transparent plate.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein the projection includes a control panel oblique to the front side of the cabinet and including a plurality of operating buttons for operating the gaming machine.

9. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim ~~8~~, ~~wherein the rear lid comprises~~ 6 including a sponge-like resilient absorber pad disposed on a surface opposing between the rear lid and the plurality of counter displays and applying transmitting pressure from the rear lid to the plurality of counter displays.

10. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim ~~8~~ 6, wherein the plurality of counter displays accommodated in the container are arranged in a row.

11. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim ~~8~~ 6, wherein the container is detachably attached to the cabinet, within the cabinet.

12. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 6, wherein the projection is located adjacent and protrudes outwardly from a control panel that is oblique to the front side of the cabinet and includes a plurality of operating buttons for operating the gaming machine.

Claims 13-18 (Cancelled).